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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed December 12, 2001, please first amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 20, and ending at page 7, line 4, with the following:

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Test equipment was constructed with the intention of studying the sealing effect achieved between a liquid barrier or some other puckered barrier and the wearer's skin. This equipment is shown in Figs. 1a, 1b and 1c and comprises a Plexiglas stand which includes a base plate **a** and an upstanding support plate **b**. A first upwardly open, semi-cylindrical element 1 is fastened horizontally to the upstanding support plate **b** and has around its periphery 11 a scale which denotes the available elongation or stretch. One end of the semi-cylindrical element is attached to the support plate while the other end has an end-wall 1'. Provided at the very bottom of the semi-cylindrical element 1 is a hole 2 to which a vertically upstanding filling tube 3 and an inclined measuring tube 4 lead, both of said tubes having a scale expressed in mm water. The equipment also includes a loose second